Present:

Councillors:
Eng. Juan Carlos Mirande (Argentina), Mr. Matthew James Kealley (Australia), Dr. Paulo Uchôa (Brazil), Mrs. Litao Yang (China), Mr. Guillermo Rebolledo Mejía (Colombia), Mr. Carlos E. Saenz Acosta (Costa Rica), Mr. Eduardo Lamadrid Martinez (Cuba), Dr. Raúl O. Castillo (Ecuador), Mr. Benoit Coquelet (France), Dr. Jürgen Bruhns (Germany), Mr. Victor Hugo Motta Ponciano (Guatemala), Mr. Sanjay Awasthi (India), Mr. Nur Iswanto (Indonesia), Mr. Abdolreza Sayad Mansour (Iran), Mr. Thierry Merven (Mauritius), Mr. Manuel Enriquez Poy (Mexico), Mr. Muhammad Pervez Akhtar (Pakistan), Mr. Gavin Smith (South Africa), Mr. Kittichoonhawong (Thailand), Mr. Mike Getaz (UK), Dr. Jeffrey W. Hoy (USA), Mr. Orlando de Sousa (Venezuela)

In attendance: Mr. Bernard Siegmund (France – Réunion)

Absent: Dr. P. Seshagiri Rao (Barbados) and Mr. Ramon Alvarez Picornell (Philippines)

Executive Committee:
Mr. Timothy John Murray (Chair), Dr. William Lee Burnquist (Vice Chair), Dr. Peter Allsopp (Chair TPC), Mr. Vinay Kumar Gupta, Dr. Freddie Martin, Dr. Mario Melgar, Dr. Raul Reissner, Dr. Philippe Rott, Dr. J. Scandaliaris and Dr. Jean-Claude Autrey

COC: Absent

The Chair called the meeting to order and asked the General Secretary to take the record of attendance. The General Secretary informed Council that there was quorum and that the meeting could be held.

The Chair conveyed to Council that there was no change in the Agenda.

The General Secretary imparted to Council that there were three items for which elections by secret ballot would be necessary and as per ISSCT Constitution Council shall appoint scrutineers: the General Secretary and two members of Council.

Councillors Eng. Juan Carlos Mirande from Argentina and Mr. Thierry Merven from Mauritius were appointed.
1. Bids for next conference

After a secret ballet, the Chairman announced that Thailand had been chosen to host the next ISSCT Congress in 2016.

2. Election of Honorary Life Members

After a secret ballot, the Chairman announced that Mr. Freddie Martin had been elected as an Honorary Life Member.

3. Election of New Executive

The General Secretary had received five compliant nominations and two non-compliant nominations. After some debate, it was decided to hold a secret ballot to determine whether to accept the non-compliant nominations. It was thus then decided to accept the non-compliant nominations. A secret ballot was then held to elect five members to fill the vacant positions. Those elected were Philippe Rott, Raul Castillo, William Burnquist, Nicolas Gil and Robert Gilbert.

4. Hosting of the ISSCT Secretariat

The Executive Committee had received a memo from MSIRI advising that it would be happy to continue to host the Secretariat. Council approved.

5. Budget for 2013-2016

The Chair of Finance Committee, Philippe Rott presented the revised budget for the period 2013-2016. Changes from the original budget were

- Membership fees will be increased from USD 125 to USD 140, rather than to USD 150.
- Corporate dues from USD 1 500 to USD 2 000.
- Secretariat staff expenses have been reduced from USD 92 700 to USD 84 000 but any statutory increase would be considered at the Mid-Term Meeting.
- Workshop expenses had been increased from USD 80 000 to USD 100 000. This was for the increased subsidy for travel, the allocation of USD 1 000 to assist an early career scientist and USD 500 for an award to the best paper from an early career scientist (less than 35 years of age).

6. Report from TPC

The Chair of TPC, Peter Allsopp announced the following:

6.1. Dates for the next workshops:

- Joint workshop between Agronomy and Agricultural Engineering, July 2015, South Africa
- Joint workshop between Breeding and Molecular Biology, June 2015, Reunion Island
- Joint workshop between Entomology and Pathology, May 2015, Ecuador
- Factory Processing and Engineering workshops concurrently in association with SASTA conference, August 2014, South Africa
- Co-products workshop October 2015, USA
- Management workshop in conjunction with the Congress, November 2016, Thailand
6.2. Confirmation of Commissioners, Chairs and Committee Members of Sections

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7. Councillors for the period 2013-2016

No changes to the current members of Council were advised.

8. Matters arising from Executive Committee meetings

- An important initiative was to try to assist a mechanism for attracting young people to Congress. Each affiliated member of ISSCT is encouraged to nominate an early career scientist. The
affiliated member will pay for flights, accommodation and ISSCT membership, while ISSCT will pay the early bird registration.

- The General Secretary had been asked to research the situation in Africa and make sure that African countries were exposed to ISSCT and scientific knowledge.
- A report on the sugar beet environment would be commissioned to understand how the sugarcane industry compares with the beet industry. A company like Landell Mills would be approached for that study.
- A change was to be made to the constitution to enable ISSCT to hold a conference itself in the event that there are no suitable nominations to host a conference.
- The cost of Congress was discussed. Members did not want to do away with any of the social functions but it was felt that the cost could be minimized by getting sponsorship for the functions.
- The partners’ program was considered unsatisfactory and expensive at the present conference. However, it is the choice of delegates whether or not their spouses take part in a program.
- The Executive Committee did not come up with concrete ideas for reducing the cost of Congress.
- The Executive Committee would review contracts for employment of the General Secretary, Editor and Production Editor. Job descriptions will be developed with the assistance of a consultant from Mauritius.

9. Constitutional Changes

Raul Reissner led the meeting through the changes. These were

ARTICLE V: THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Clause 2

2.2 Nominations (page 6)

…

Such nominations shall be submitted to the General Secretary no later than noon on the first day of Congress.

Eliminate 30 days provision

Clause 5. Standing Committees (PAGE 7 AND 8)

…

5.1 Compliance Committee

This shall consist of the Chair of the Executive, the General Secretary and two Councillors approved by Council.

5.1.1 to examine and express its opinion to the Executive on the nominations received for Honorary Life Membership; and report to Council.
5.1.2 to examine nominations for election to the position of members of the Executive and ascertain that they comply with the qualifications and obligations as defined under Clause 2 above, to express its opinion to the Executive and report to Council.

5.1.3 to examine applications to host a Congress and report to Council.

5.1.4 to examine applications for affiliated membership and review their eligibility for membership.

5.1.5 to examine and make recommendations on any question brought up by the General Secretary regarding membership.

Eliminate section 5.1.6

5.2 Finance Committee

5.2.1 This shall consist of three members of the Executive and chaired by one who is not from the country hosting the Secretariat.

Its duties shall be to scrutinise the budget proposed by the General Secretary and audit of the finances of the ISSCT and make relevant recommendations to Executive and Council.

ARTICLE VI: …

Clause 2. (PAGE 9)

2.2 Technical Section Committees

Each Technical Section may set up committees of up to eight members, …

Clause 3. Duties of the Technical Programme Committee. (PAGE 10)

The Technical Programme Committee shall meet as needed at Congress and once between Congresses to:

ARTICLE VII: THE SECRETARIAT

Clause 2. Selection of host for Secretariat (PAGE 12 AND 13)

Eliminate first three lines

In selecting the host organisation …

2.1 The selected … for a minimum period of three years.

2.2 At each Congress the Executive will review the Memorandum of Understanding and may recommend to Council a change of the Host Organisation.

Clause 3. Appointment of General Secretary (PAGE 13)
After consultation with the organisation to host the Secretariat, the Executive will recommend for Council approval the candidates for General Secretary.

3.1 …

Delete 3.2

 Clause 4 …

ARTICLE IX: THE CONGRESS

Clause 10. Distribution, price and sale of Proceedings (PAGE 10)

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ARTICLE X: FINANCE (PAGE 21)

Clause 1. Source of ISSCT Funds

1.3

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10. Closing ceremony

The following arrangements were agreed upon for the closing ceremony:

- Best papers and posters would be announced
- Composition of TPC would be announced
- Chair would announce the new Honorary Life Member, new Executive members, new Chair and vice-Chair
- General Secretary would announce hosting for next Congress
- Chair would make a short speech

The Chair concluded the meeting by thanking the Councillors and their Affiliated societies for their support to ISSCT objectives. He expressed his gratitude to COC for all the arrangements that had enabled the holding of a successful congress. He paid tribute to the Editor, Dr. Douglas MacDonald Hogarth who was retiring after producing the Proceedings for past five congresses as well as to the Production Editor, Peter Knight. The Chair conveyed his sincere thanks to the Office Bearers of ISSCT: Chair TPC, Chairs and Members of the three Standing Committees, Commissioners, Section Chairs and Section Members. Finally the Chair gave recognition to the contribution of Dr. Mario Melgar and Dr. Alvaro Amaya who were retiring after serving the Executive Committee for four terms.

The meeting ended at 19:00.